

Harpswell Conservation Commission
Minutes for Meeting of January 5, 2010
Municipal Office Bldg., Harpswell, ME

Members present: Mary Ann Nahf (chair), Deirdre Strachan, Burr Taylor, Ann Nemrow, Donald Jones, Anne Perry, T. Barrett (arr. 4:12)

Meeting called to order by M. Nahf at 3:07PM

Minutes of Dec. 15, 2009 approved. Moved by D. Strachan, seconded by A. Perry. Unanimous.

Old Business:

Cliff Trail conservation area. M. Nahf handed out update for warrant article for the town-owned parcels. It included edits to include all FIVE of the neighboring town parcels as discussed in the 12/15/09 Concom meeting. M. Nahf will make the latest edits from members and send to Kristi. Stewardship cost is a future issue to be addressed.

Concom Fund: It was decided that the HCC should apply for its own budget for the next budget year 2010/2011. This to be for operating expenses associated with the Commissions work, not land acquisition. That is a separate issue and needs to be investigated. D. Jones will check with town administrator and treasurer to get some history of the existing town lands fund. What is its purpose and can donated funds be added to it as well. Should be for purchase of land and/or easement only.

Save Our Bay: M. Nahf working on letter for lawn contractors, not landscape architects. Key is to have the homeowner request good lawn practices with the lawn care providers. We should point out to them our expectations and why we are doing this. Ask them to participate so they can be put on the HCC website. Re educational programs, D. Strachan would like to apply for grants and wants to know the focus. Should use a broader approach than was used for the Senter Grant application.

Otter Brook Focus Area: Discussed next steps in Otter Brook area. HCC needs to plan a meeting with residents along Otter Brook to discuss ways to protect those wetlands.

Web Page: Up and working. May add Phippsburg as a link in the future since their site has some excellent material on it. Some members expressed concern that it may be too much however.

New Business:

Adopt-a-road: Discussed the letter for businesses that A. Perry had sent to Concom members prior to the meeting. Edits made and she will re-send. Will add a map of streets that are already covered if possible.

A.Nemrow mentioned that she had been in contact with Friends of Casco Bay and that Portland and Cumberland wish to contact the HCC for wording of our SOB proclamation. Commission agreed that it was OK to proceed.

Adjourned at 4:50pm
D. Jones, sec'y.